# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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Bal Swachhata Mission
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**Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched the Bal Swachhata Mission and if so, the details and salient features thereof;

(b) the details of the funds, if any, allocated to the States under this mission since its inception;

(c) whether the Government has carried out any awareness programmes under the Bal Swachhata Mission and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the progress made under this mission so far along with the mechanism adopted by the Government to monitor the progress hereunder?

## Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

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(a) to (d): A nationwide programme on "Swachh Bharat Mission" was launched on October 2, 2014 focusing on cleanliness and hygiene in urban and rural areas.

Considering that children can play a crucial role in achieving Swachh Bharat by motivating them in keeping themselves and their homes, schools and surrounding clean and become ambassadors of cleanliness, "Bal Swachhata Mission" was launched on 14th November 2014. Under this programme, children were required to be sensitized and involved in different aspects of hygiene and safe sanitation. The activities on the following themes were conducted from 14th to 19th November, 2014 at all Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) under the ICDS Scheme:

i) Clean Anganwadis;
ii) Clean Surroundings e.g. Playgrounds;
iii) Clean Self (Personal Hygiene / Child Health);
iv) Clean Food;
v) Clean Drinking Water; and
vi) Clean Toilets.

All States/UTs were asked to conduct the above activities at the AWCs in their respective State to create awareness about the above programme. The States/UTs, in turn, besides above, conducted various other activities such as sensitization of mothers through Mothers Committee meeting and Village Health and Nutrition Days on several aspects of sanitation, hand washing, etc.

The above activities were conducted by the States/UTs by using the funds provided to them under the ICDS (General) by the Ministry of Women & Child Development.

Ministry of Women & Child Development took initiatives to provide functional toilets through ICDS scheme in each AWC. State-wise details showing number of AWCs having water and toilet facilities as on 31.12.2015 is given at Annexure-I.

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